GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PRIME MINISTER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1545
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LIAISON OFFICERS FOR SCS STS
Thakur Shri Anurag Singh

Will the Minister of PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Liaison Officers are nominated in the Ministries/Departments and their organizations to ensure effective implementation of Government policies/ DOPT rules and instructions regarding SCs/ STs;

(b) if so, the details of those Ministries/ Departments and their Organizations, which do not consult the Liaison Officers for SCs/STs;

(c) whether the views of Liaison Officers have to be sought while implementing the Government policies/ DOPT rules and instructions on SCs/STs;

(d) if so, whether there is any mechanism of accountability of Liaison Officers for their biased support to their organization in flouting implementation of Government policies/DOPT rules and instructions;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the policy measures proposed to ensure that the Government policies/DOPT rules and instructions on SCs/STs are implemented in letter and spirit and not flouted on any ground?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office. (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a): Yes, Madam. Instructions provide that Ministries/Departments and Organizations are required to appoint Liaison Officers for ensuring due compliance of orders of reservation in posts and services of the Central Government.

(b): No instance has been brought to the notice of this Department by any Liaison Officer regarding non- consultation with her/him in the matter of implementation of reservation of SCs/STs by the concerned Ministry/ Department.

(c): The Liaison Officer is required to be consulted while implementing the Government policies/DoPT Rules and instructions on SCs/STs.

(d) & (e): A Liaison Officer is subject to the provisions of the relevant Conduct and Disciplinary Rules, in case of any willful negligence on his/her part in the implementation of the Government policies.

(f): Liaison Officers are required to be appointed in all the Ministries/Departments and Offices under the control of Heads of Departments to ensure due compliance of reservation policy. Cases of negligence or lapses in the matter of following the reservation and other orders relating to SCs and STs coming to his/her notice through the inspections carried out by the Liaison Officers or otherwise, are reported/submitted by them to Secretary/Additional Secretary to the Government in the respective Ministry/Department or to the Head of the Department in respect of offices under the Head of Department, as the case may be.